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1. [redacted] port controls, vessels, and installations in Odessa [redacted]

[redacted] One of the reports mentions strong magnetic disturbances in the restricted area near Zmeinyy Island (N 45-15, E 30-12) and remarks that the area from Cape Kallekra (N 43-21, E 28-28) as far as the Turkish border and the western shore is a former mine field which the Soviets do not guarantee for navigation. Merchant vessels in Odessa in early and late January are listed. A high lattice tower was observed halfway between Cape Fontana and Odessa [redacted]

2. [redacted] a possible SKORYY-class destroyer [redacted] and [redacted] 50X1-HUM
escort-type vessel [redacted] put out to sea from Odessa for gunner practice. The second vessel [redacted] believed to be a new ship, 50X1-HUM
had one set of partially shielded twin guns forward and one aft, two masts, one stack, and two torpedo launching tubes midships. The German-type landing craft, [redacted] was moored at the coal pier in Odessa [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. All the reports provide fragmentary information on port controls in Odessa. 50X1-HUM
4. Attached to the reports is a rough sketch of Odessa harbor [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] locating various merchant vessels in the harbor [redacted]
5. The following photographs of Soviet merchant vessels [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The photographs may be considered CONFIDENTIAL when separated from the covering report. [redacted]

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Description

Merchant vessel MARSHAL TOLBUKHIN

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Tanker KRASNOVODSK

Merchant vessel KRAMATORSK

Tugboat OREL

Vessel /possibly repair ship/ NEVA

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Information related to navigation

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[REDACTED] numerous small vessels [REDACTED] believed to be naval vessels, equipped with radar and without lights, checking the movement of the merchant ships along the entire coast from the Turkish border to ODESSA. The radar of these vessels interferes with navigation.

Starting at the Turkish border, along the entire coast of the satellites and the USSR are installed powerful searchlights which sweep the sea with strong beams. Such searchlights (from information gathered on other trips aboard other ships) are found along the entire Soviet coast of the Black Sea.

There are strong magnetic disturbances on the stretch from Cape SFINTU GHEORGHE to ODESSA, particularly near ZMEINYI (FIDONISI) Island, where [REDACTED] there are secret military instruments which cause them. The island is a restricted area for all vessels. 50X1-HUM

In the area directly south of Cape KALLIAKRA, as far as the Turkish border and the western shore, is a former mine field which the Soviet authorities do not guarantee as clear and safe for navigation.

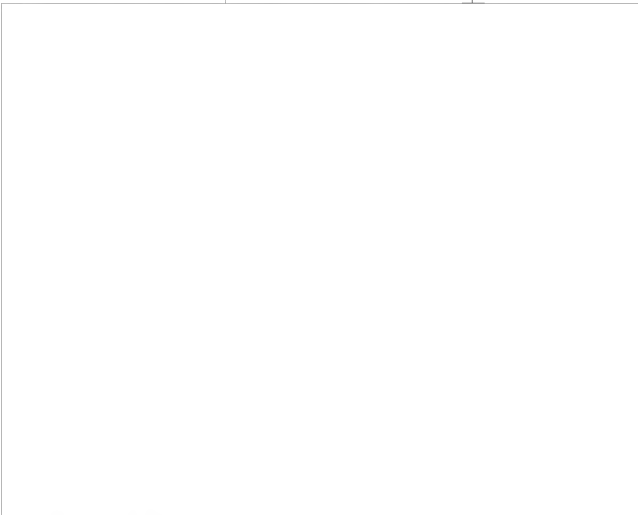
Port of OdessaInspection, controls, liberty, and passes

The boarding party consisted of two police officers, a woman doctor, a woman agent to inspect the provisions, a Customs agent, a representative of the ship's agent, and six policemen.

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Naval and merchant vessels in port

Some small unidentified naval vessels were seen entering and leaving the port.



A Soviet freighter was unloading rubber goods

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a Soviet motor tanker

unloading grain

Port installations and facilities (numbers refer to those on attached sketch)

1. Three floating docks.
2. Restricted naval area.
3. Restricted passage.
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5. Soviet freighter unloading rubber goods.
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7. Repair quay with some vessels under repair.
8. Soviet motor tanker unloading grain.
9. Quarters of the Inflat Sovfrakht.
10. Grain elevators.

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Naval vessels

A cruiser, unidentifiable due to the distance, was observed in the roadstead

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Merchant vessels

The Gruzuya, single-funnel passenger ship.

The Admiral Nakhimov, large two-funnel passenger ship.

The Amgarges, large new freighter of over 15,000 tons.

The Bektash, old tanker of about 3,000 tons.

The Stepnoy, motor freighter of about 5,000 tons; 8 booms, and bridge and funnel located amidships.

The Belorussiya, 10 booms and five holds.

Aircraft

Two single-engine jet military aircraft observed flying over the port during the day and the night.

Inspection, controls, passes

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[REDACTED]

There was always a guard aboard at the gangplank to check the passes.

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[REDACTED] Watch was also kept over all vessels in port at night by an officer and some men aboard a motorboat. (This applied to all Western ships equally).

[REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

Supplies, bunkering, etc.

[REDACTED] fuel oil were supplied from a 300-ton motor barge equipped with 160-mm hoses and its own pump. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Alongside the barge was a tug feeding steam to the coils located inside the four tanks of the barge. The barge had a boiler for warming the fuel oil, but it was out of order.

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The agent provided dark and inedible bread, and fruit (apples of poor quality and in limited quantity).

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Cargo observed in port

Large and small boxes were on a quay ready for shipment aboard a Soviet freighter. [REDACTED]

Urban zone

[REDACTED] the Interclub, where movies and propaganda lectures were offered.

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Loading and unloading information

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The railroad track was about 200 meters distant. (Forklift equipment was observed.)

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] The powdered coal was in piles on the pier, while the nut coal was delivered by railroad cars from time to time [redacted]

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[redacted] Only local workers were used. On the pier are installed 10 cranes, five to a side: four 7-ton, four 10-ton, and two 15-ton. [redacted]

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III ODESSA

Naval vessels

At 1600 local time [redacted] a destroyer [redacted] probably of the Skorry class, put out to sea. It had two funnels, torpedo launching device installed along the keel line amidships, abaft the fore stack; two sets of twin-guns fully shielded, one fore and one aft; and numerous anti-aircraft weapons.

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At 1630 local time of the same date, a naval vessel of the escort type [redacted] also put out to sea. It had a very narrow hull, bulbous prow, one stack, two torpedo launching devices installed along the keel line amidships, immediately abaft the stack, two sets of twin guns partially shielded, one fore and one aft, and two poles [redacted] was a new vessel.

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Both vessels returned to port after having to suspend gunnery practice on a towed target on account of fog.

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Moored to the head of the coal pier was the German-type landing craft

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Merchant vessels

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The Soviet freighter Pakov, which arrived to load

The Soviet freighter Omsk, empty, waiting.

The Soviet passenger ships Konapob [Konarov?] and Orel, anchored opposite the New Harbor.

The Soviet freighter Floreshty, moored at the head of the Quarantine Mole, near the lookout station, loading.

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The Soviet freighter Megamon [Meganom?].

Numerous laid-up Soviet vessels including two passenger ships, one of which was probably the Pobeda, moored along the outer breakwater.

Cargo

In the area between the shore-end of the coal pier and the quarters of the Inflat (Quarantine Mole) were observed:

boxes of all sizes,
heavy machinery parts,
numerous tractors,
iron round rods,
iron T-beams,
railroad rails,
dollies (carrelli transportatori),
overhead cranes for shops,
lattice girders, and
cast iron blocks, probably bases for heavy machinery.

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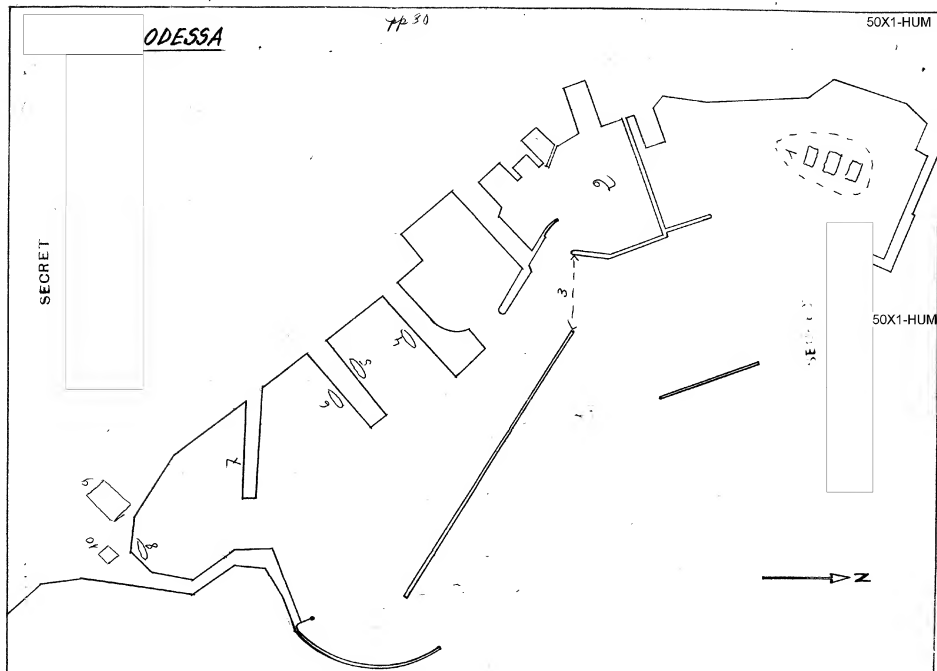
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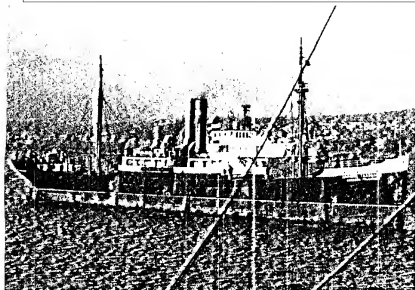
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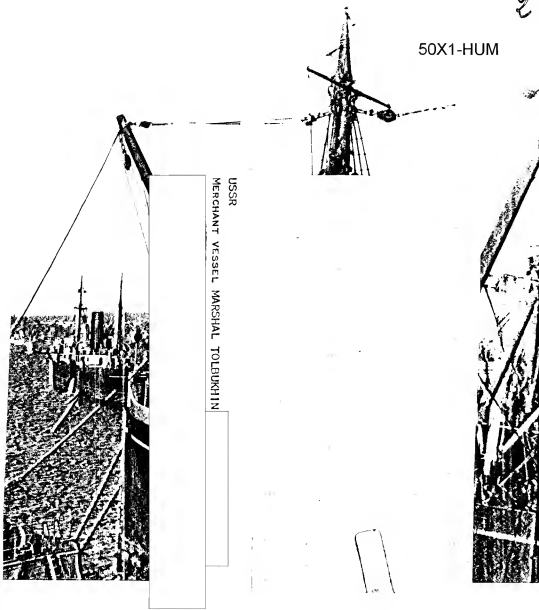
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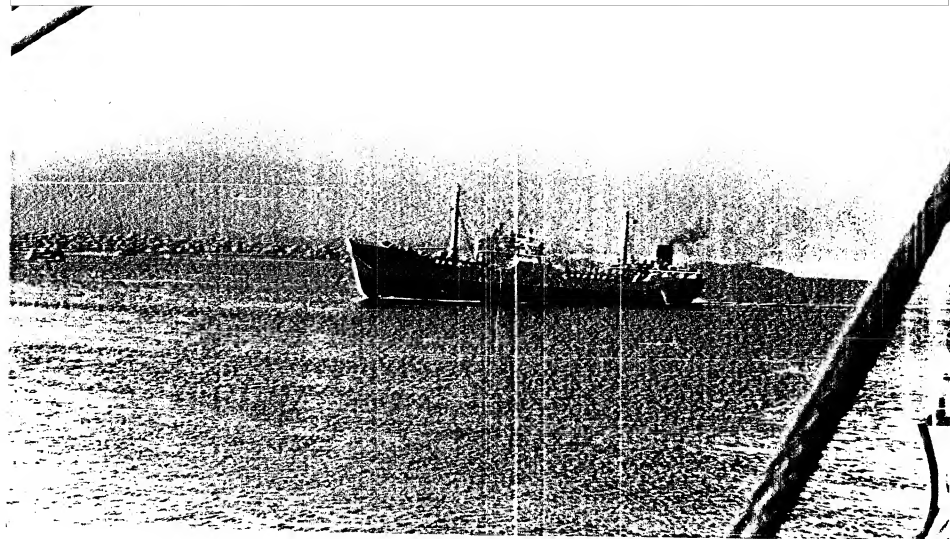
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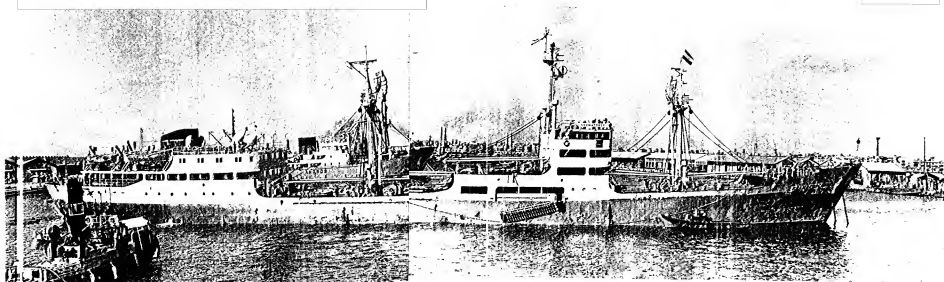


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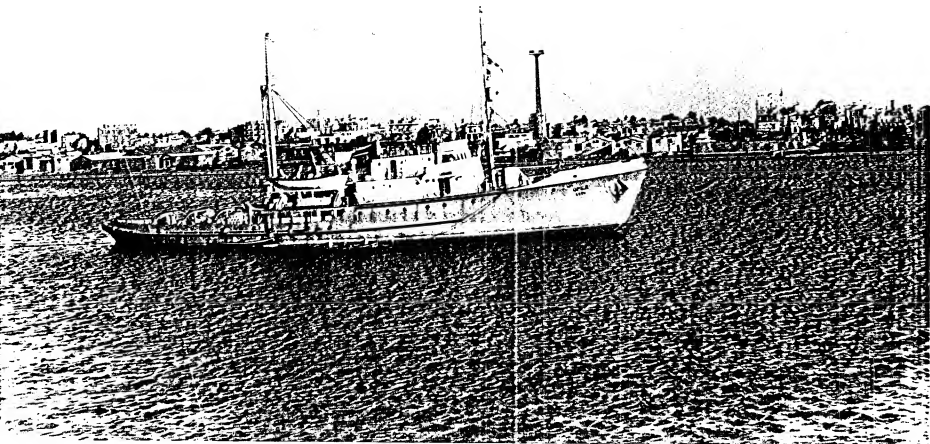
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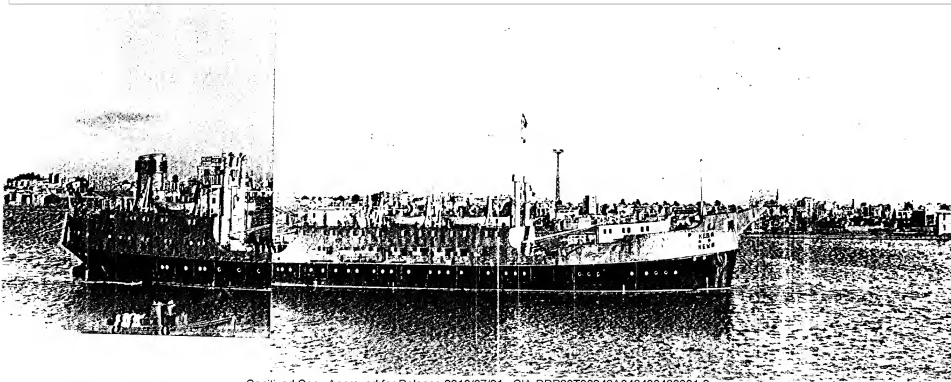
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